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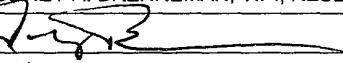
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Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: SCALPEL SHEATH AND METHODS FOR USETHERACARDIA, INC., a DELAWARE CORPORATION

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Title of Invention: SCALPEL SHEATH AND METHODS FOR USE

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Application No.: Unassigned; and

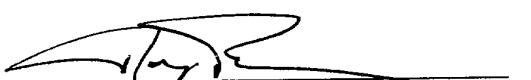
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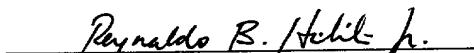
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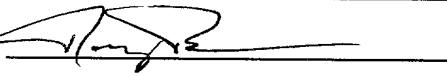
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